

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The medicinal composition claimed in Claim [[9]] 17, comprising 5 to 300 mg of insulin resistance-improving drug, and 1 to 500 mg of vitamin B₁ or derivative thereof for one unit dose.

Claims 11-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (New): A medicinal composition comprising an insulin resistance-improving drug and vitamin B₁ or derivative thereof in an amount effective for inhibiting at least one side effect of said insulin resistance-improving drug, which side effect is selected from the group consisting of edema, heart enlargement and anemia, and wherein the insulin resistance-improving drug is selected from the group consisting of pioglitazone, rosiglitazone and CS-011, and salts thereof.

Claim 18 (New): The medicinal composition claimed in claim 17, wherein the insulin resistance-improving drug is pioglitazone.

Claim 19 (New): The medicinal composition claimed in claim 17, wherein the insulin resistance-improving drug is rosiglitazone.

Claim 20 (New): The medicinal composition claimed in claim 17, wherein the insulin resistance-improving drug is CS-011.

Claim 21 (New): A method comprising administering the medicinal composition as claimed in claim 17 in an effective amount to a subject in need thereof.